



Stars of the week: Learning Behaviours: I am being responsible.

Railway: Toprak and Huey

Clipper: Phoebe

Routemaster: Eleanor

Thames: Star Informed ☺

Maritime: Isla

Golden Hinde: Lily

Cutty Sark: Star Informed ☺

Henry VIII: Star Informed ☺

Nelson: Ronnie

Sir Walter Rayleigh: Aiden

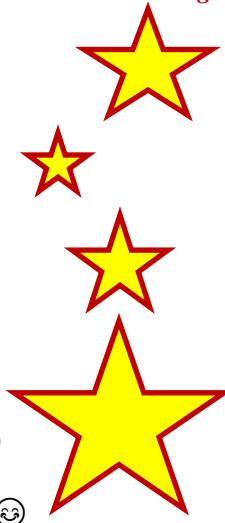
Francis Drake: Beau

Planetarium: Star Informed ☺

Royal Observatory: Star Informed ☺

Royal Greenwich: Star Informed ☺

Greenwich Meridian: Star Informed ☺



ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK

The winners for this week from 9th to 16th January 2020 are

Greenwich Meridian Class with 99.31% FANTASTIC, WELL DONE!!

The overall school total for the term was 96.53% our target is 97% - almost there!

PTA Meeting

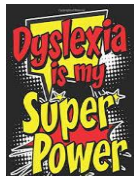
Monday 20th January 2020 – 9-10am

Everyone is welcome for the PTA Meeting on **Monday 20th January at 9am** in the POD, where they will be discussing the year ahead. With the imminent departure of some key members, they will be looking for new members, however, any level of help is always welcomed; if you would like to know more about these roles or would like to know more about the great work of the PTA, please pop along to the meeting or email ptamontbelle@gmail.com

We would like to invite all parents to our Dyslexia Information Workshop on Wednesday 22nd January at 9.00am

This is a great chance to come and meet Helene Agnew, our Dyslexia specialist, from the STEPs team in Greenwich and to have a chat with other parents and myself. It is an informal chance for you to ask any questions about learning with Dyslexia with an advisor, with a wealth of experience. If you would like to attend please could I ask you to email myself through the school office admin@montbelle.org.uk and we look forward to seeing you there. Helen Bowman (SENCo)

Our brains work in a magical way!



Friday, 17th January 2020

We have had an extremely busy week in school this week and have been wowed by the children's amazing writing as they continue their journey into The Tempest - with some impressive recounts, poems and descriptive writing being showcased across the year groups. Ms Burne's class also enjoyed an informative trip to Pizza Express and thoroughly enjoyed their pizza making workshop - we hope you enjoyed eating your hand-made pizzas! Our assemblies have continued the theme of 'keeping ourselves safe', please reinforce this valuable work at home by asking your child what they have learnt about keeping themselves safe, and who to speak to if they have any worries or concerns. Have a wonderful weekend. Sarah Stewart

Big Half – Sunday 1st March 2020

"We're doing it again! A group of staff including Mrs Stewart, Mrs Aylmer, Mrs Jerrett, Miss Sarton, Miss Myers, Mr Hoyte and Miss Burne, supported by some of the guys from Sportacus and our parents and friends, will be putting on our running shoes to complete the Vitality London 'Big Half' marathon on the 1st March. As part of our quest to complete the distance, we will be raising money for the school. We want to upgrade our playground equipment to keep our children active at playtimes and also purchase some new atlases and maps to support our learning - we'll be able to use them to show the children just how far we could travel if we amalgamated our step count from training and participation in the event. Please support us if you can. You can change the 'donate' value to any amount - every little helps. Thank you for your support!"

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/montbelleprimaryschool?utm_term=jJZreRNqd

Stay & Play at Montbelle Primary School

Come and join us every Tuesday (Term-Time only) at the new time of **2.15-3.15pm** from **Tuesday 14th January 2020**, for our stay and play for children up to 5 with their parents/carers. A contribution of £1 is requested per family. Childminders £1 per child.

Year 2 SAT's Preparation Meeting Wednesday 22nd January 2020

Parents and Carers are invited to a parent workshop with Mrs Roberts at 9am on **Wednesday 22nd January 2020** (previously advertised as 15th January on newsletter) regarding year 2 SAT's.

Year 1 Phonics Information Session Friday 24th January 2020

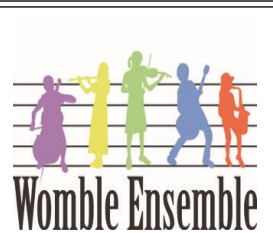
Parents and Carers are invited to a taught session and find out more information regarding Phonic Screening Test with Mrs Aylmer at 9am on **Friday 24th January 2020**.

Spring/Summer Dates

Please note that the date for the KS1 Let's Learn Together event should read **Tuesday 9th June 2020**.

New Learning Mentor

Debbie Robinson is the newly appointed Learning Mentor at Montbelle who's here to support pupils' emotional and social needs. Please see attached leaflet for more info.



We are looking for children or parents, who enjoy playing instruments together (every Wednesday at 1pm). We have flute, violin, recorder and saxophone players. Minimum knowledge of 3 notes on any instrument would be required. Cost is £5/term towards material. **Everyone is warmly welcome! Enquiries to Edit: johnandedit@ntlworld.com** "Playing in an ensemble allows students to develop team skills, sacrificing one's ego to benefit the team. Skills learnt include learning balance, intonation, rhythm and performance etiquette in a group setting."

School News... Read about the exciting activities each phase group has been up to over the past week...

Foundation Stage

Nursery This week we have been continuing our learning with our golden thread word 'Responsibility' but we have been looking at the wider world and the sea. We looked at a map of the world to see all the oceans and spoke about what lives in the oceans and how to look after them and all the sea creatures. We have been looking closely at fish, thinking about where they come from, and how they survive under water, we even got to look and touch a real fish, looking at its eyes, mouth, fins and its gills to see how it breathes! The children have been drawing their fish and thinking about the parts of a fish and remembering facts about them. We also got to see a real octopus and got to feel its suckers! Another sea creature we got to see was a puffer fish we learnt how they puff up when they are scared and they have very sharp spikes. The children have been drawing and talking all about the different sea life, the children have been very creative using paint and paper plates to make different sea creatures. Have a think about how else can you take responsibility for the wider world? We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Reception This week we have been fascinated by our learning about sea life. We have been looking at real artefacts of a puffer fish and an octopus in class as well as watching documentary clips and reading fact books about other sea creatures. Each day, we looked closely at a different sea creature, learning exciting facts which we then wrote in our class fact file. We are all doing so well with our attempts at independent writing! In maths this week, we have been curious learners as we experimented with creating and building 3d shapes using connector straws. ***Please can we make sure that a bag of spare clothes are on your child's peg.** Also, we are running very low on spare trousers in school. If you have any that are too small for your child now and you wish to donate them, it would be much appreciated.*

Key Stage One...

Year 1 It has been a busy week in Year One. We have introduced the children to our story 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare. The story so far has really captured their imaginations and they have been able to write about four of the characters we have met and retell the story using exciting vocabulary. They are enjoying discussing what has happened so far and predicting what is going to happen next. In Maths we have continued our learning about time and have been thinking about word problems and interpreting them. Our Science this term is 'our bodies' and this week we have been labelling parts of our bodies and creating skeletons. We are creating facts files in History and have found out what woolly mammoths used to eat and where they used to live. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2 Wow! What another fantastic week. The children have worked so hard in literacy, exploring the Tempest further and beginning to write their own play script based on what they think might happen next. The children will be starting to explore different characters and think about their motives next week as they read onto the scene. We will be looking at the different language used from the play and making predictions about what it might mean. In Maths we have started looking at division and how to share amounts into equal groups. Next week we will be building on this as well as moving onto look at multiplication and the relating number facts between the two operations. In foundation subjects we will continue our work on energy and look at renewable energy sources in Science as well as continuing to explore Ancient Mesopotamia.

Key Stage Two ...

Year 3 This week the children have wrapped up their work on 'Sacrifice', ready for our new Golden Thread of the term, 'Responsibility'. We completed work on Charlotte's Web by watching the film, discussing and predicting along the way and commenting on the huge sacrifice that Charlotte makes at the end. To support this, the children planned and created their own acrostic poems on the theme of 'Sacrifice', using descriptive language to comment on the sacrifices their parents/carers make for them. We were excited to begin our new class text 'The Tempest' this week and the children showed skill in using

After School Clubs

Please be reminded that all parents/carers need to be at school on time to collect their child/ren when their club finishes. **The school office closes promptly at 4.30pm; therefore, any child/ren not collected will be sent directly to Alpha Club where you will be charged.**

similes to describe the mystical wizard Prospero. Next week we will continue to make predictions about what could happen in the story based on what we already know. In Maths, the children have been developing their work on multiplication by comparing number sentences, looking at related calculations (e.g 2×5 and 2×50) and even beginning multiplication with 2-digit numbers. We will continue with this challenging skill next week. The children have loved consolidating their knowledge of magnets this week in Science, exploring the different poles and using scientific vocabulary 'attract' and 'repel'. They have started to make some moving artwork using magnets that links to our new class text!

Year 4 have had a great week transforming into news reporters, writing their own reports on the events of Act 1 Scene 1 of the Tempest. We have been solving multiplication and division problems in maths with some great investigations taking place! The children were very engaged and curious to learn more about the structure of the earth and were amazed at the temperatures the core reaches. We also learnt the story of Buddha and his teachings. Next week the children will be publishing their news reports and finding out what happens next in the Tempest.

Year 5 What a wonderful week we have had in Year 5. In English, the children have continued to study the Tempest by William Shakespeare, looking at his poems and their structure (rhyming couplets and a consistent poetic beat throughout). This culminated in the children writing their own poems, which were also supported by their 'Storm at Sea', watercolours that they expertly drew. In maths, the children have continued to improve their understanding of how to multiply even larger numbers; including multiplying up to 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers across a range of real-life contexts. Next week in maths, the children will be learning how to use short division and long division before mastering another important mathematical concept - fractions. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Year 6 The buzz in Year 6 has been fantastic this week, especially with our geography learning. The children investigated the farming methods used by the ancient Maya to problem solve the adverse growing conditions by considering environmental challenges that they faced. We have finished our work on fractions and have begun to explore coordinates on four quadrants. Our English learning has seen us investigate the work of William Shakespeare, including his personal history, by starting to read The Tempest. The children have summarised what they have read, before going on to make predictions. They are looking forward to finding out what the future holds for our main characters - Prospero and Miranda. We hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Headlice

There have been a few cases of headlice reported this week. Please take the time to check your child/ren hair this weekend and treat them if necessary. Thank you.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/headlice/pages/treatment.aspx>

School Dinners: w/c 13/01/2020 week 1

Class Assemblies – Tuesday's at 10am

28th January Nelson Class (3EG)
11th February Golden Hinde Class (2SB)
3rd March Planetarium Class (5SR)

Dates for your diary

20th January PTA Meeting – all welcome at 9am-10am in the POD
22nd January Yr2 SAT's preparation meeting
24th January Yr1 Phonics Information session
30th January Yr5 and Yr6 Reading and Maths workshop
3rd February Yr4 School Trip- **arrive into school at 8.15**
4th February Individual/Group Photographs
5th February Yr2 Cutty Sark Class trip AM only
7th February Curriculum Afternoon at 2pm
12th February Yr2 School Trip – uniform and healthy packed lunch required.
13th February End of Term 3.20/3.30pm finish

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